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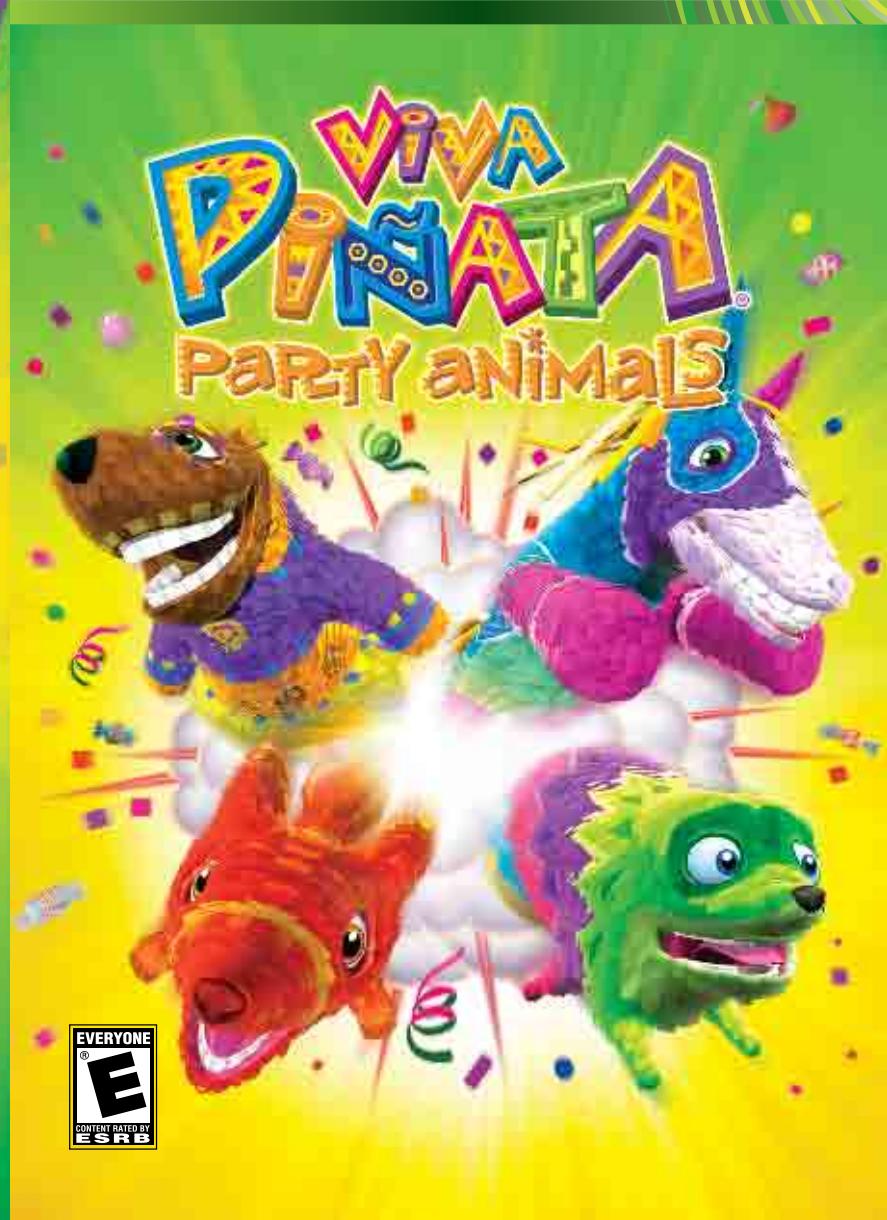
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⚠ **WARNING** Before playing this game, read the Xbox 360 Instruction Manual and any peripheral manuals for important safety and health information. Keep all manuals for future reference. For replacement manuals, see www.xbox.com/support or call Xbox Customer Support.

Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

Photosensitive Seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions: Sit farther from the screen; use a smaller screen; play in a well-lit room; and do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.

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Welcome to Viva Piñata: Party Animals!

Welcome, Piñatas, to the greatest competition in the world: the Party Animals Championship Challenge! In this fantastic competition, amazing feats will be performed, careers will be forged, and fortunes will be made. And that's just the hosts—imagine what the competitors will accomplish!

The Championship Challenge is not only the most exciting sporting event ever created, it's a massively popular TV show with fans all over the world. The action is wild and nonstop, and everything is completely unpredictable and unscripted. (Due to extremely high premiums, it's also uninsured, so you might want to wear pads.) So are you ready for all-out competition? Are you ready for glory? Are you ready to get your face on cereal boxes as part of a juicy endorsement deal? Maybe do some guest appearances on a few sitcoms? You're about to become a star on the most popular reality-TV championship of all time!*

*in certain markets

Multiplayer

Local Multiplayer

Up to four people can play Viva Piñata®: Party Animals on your Xbox 360® console. On the Main Menu, select Play At Home, and choose Short, Medium, Long, Custom Match, or Practice Round. Press **A** on additional Xbox 360 controllers to join the game.

Xbox LIVE

Play anyone and everyone, anytime, anywhere on Xbox LIVE®. Build your profile (your gamer card). Chat with your friends. Download content at Xbox LIVE Marketplace. Send and receive voice and video messages. Get connected, and join the revolution.

Connecting

Before you can play over Xbox LIVE, you must connect your Xbox 360 console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox LIVE member. (Note: A Gold Membership is required to play Viva Piñata: Party Animals online.) For information about connecting and to see if the Xbox LIVE service is available in your region, go to www.xbox.com/live.

Hosting a Game on Xbox LIVE

On the Main Menu, select Play Online, sign in to Xbox LIVE, then choose Create a Game. Choose your settings, and press **A**. To invite friends from your Friends list, press the Xbox Guide button, highlight Friends, press **A**, then highlight the friend's name, and press **X**.

For information
on Child Safety,
see page 22.

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Meet Your Hosts!

Pecky Pudgeon

Pecky is an award-winning journalist whose work has been read, re-read, and re-re-read by devoted fans all over the world. He is incredibly handsome, and while he pays little attention to passing trends, he is at all times a snappy dresser. Pecky's strong journalistic integrity and near-legendary skill with the written word are matched only by his modesty and by his complete willingness to perform tasks some celebrities would consider beneath them, such as writing his

own bio for this publication. Pecky is very excited to be hosting the Party Animals Championship Challenge, as it allows him to take much-needed breaks from working on his soon-to-be-bestselling autobiography, "Astounding: The Life of Pecky Pudgeon."



Pierre Parrybo

Pierre Parrybo is a very important Piñata. In addition to performing his many important official duties on Piñata Island, which are many and are very important, Pierre is an extremely popular DJ. He can be found working the turntables at all of Piñata Island's top venues and is also available for birthday parties, weddings, and mall or car-wash grand openings. For booking information, please contact his agent. Pierre is also, of course, the host of both the hugely popular Party Animals Championship Challenge and his own radio show. Yet even with all these projects and pursuits, Pierre is constantly on the lookout for newer, more exciting, and potentially higher-paying opportunities.



Meet the Contestants!



Hudson Horstachio

Hudson is the most popular Piñata on Piñata Island. He is always happy to point this fact out to anyone who asks. Because no one does ask (as everyone already knows it, and they're frankly a little sick of him hammering the point), he just says it to everyone. In fact, in order to have him on the show, we were contractually obligated to point it out in his bio. Twice. By the way, Hudson is the most popular Piñata on Piñata Island!



Hailey Horstachio

Hailey is one half mega celeb, two halves trend-setting socialite, and three halves star athlete. When she's not riding around in a limousine and hanging out with celebrities on the "A"-list, she's riding around in two limousines and hanging out with celebrities on whatever list comes before "A." Hudson likes to remind Hailey that she has yet to reach the top of Piñata strata, but she is confident that her red-hot dance moves, swanky chic lifestyle, and extreme athleticism will propel her there soon!



Fergy Fudgehog

Fergy is a nervous little Piñata constantly consumed by worry. He is so terrified by the prospect of being smashed open at parties that he is often found to be in a state of near-panic. It's quite pathetic, really. I mean, what is wrong with Fergy? The little guy spends so much time worrying he can hardly find the time to relax and enjoy life. Is he some kind of loser? Or freak? His fearful nature and intense self-doubt are so central to the core of his Piñata being that they affect everything he does, including creating bios such as this one, which, if you can believe it, he actually wrote himself.



Francine Fudgehog

Francine is Fergy's mother. She tends to believe everything Fergy says, including his outrageous claims that he is the most popular Piñata on Piñata Island. This is, of course, completely ridiculous, since Hudson is the most popular (the previous statement was inserted at the request of Hudson's agent), but Francine would be heartbroken if she were to learn the truth. Because of this, we sincerely hope she never reads this manual.

Meet the Contestants!



Paulie Preztail

Paulie is incredibly smart and quick-witted, which is to be expected from a Preztail. Like most Piñatas who are very smart, he is smart enough to know that he is very smart, which tends to make him a bit annoying at parties. Still, his intelligence has gotten him out of trouble numerous times, and he can always be counted on to help his friends solve their problems. After he's helped them, he'll probably point out how smart he was to be able to solve their problems.



Petunia Preztail

When you meet Petunia, the first thing you're struck by is her sweet, soft-spoken nature. The second thing you're struck by is one or the other (or both) of her furiously flying feet as she demonstrates her newest death grip! Always on the lookout for that next rush, Petunia has been called an adrenaline-junkie, a thrill-seeker, and an adrenaline-thrill-junkie-seeker. She is intensely competitive and considers Paulie her main rival. She also considers him to be irresistibly cute, which can pose problems.



Franklin Fizzlybear

Franklin has a decidedly sunny outlook on life. His favorite things are surfing, at which he is an expert, and dancing, at which he is... well, let's just say he's an expert at surfing. He also loves partying, eating, and almost everything else. Franklin greets each day with joy and excitement and is always up for whatever scheme or adventure his friends have in mind. Oh, and the other thing he loves is... Florence Fizzlybear.



Florence Fizzlybear

Florence is particularly looking forward to the Party Animals Championship Challenge. This is partly for the competition, but mostly because it will allow her to spend some quality time with Franklin. She wants to win the Championship Challenge as much as anyone—but if she can't win, she sure hopes Franklin does. Either way, the winnings will likely be used for dance lessons... for two.

Xbox 360 Controller



Heads-Up Display



Power-Ups



Fiesta Missile

This deceptively festive guided missile stuns leading opponents.



Pollenator

Lay a trail of pollen to daze racers behind you, especially around turns.



Water Bomb

Soak your opponents to blur their vision.



Supercharged Peppermint Candy

This little goodie boosts your speed and still allows you to steer.



FlutterScotch Wings

Increase your speed, and fly over hazards, such as logs.



Rocket Pack

Gain a huge speed boost, while losing all control!



Buzzlegum Honey Slick

This sweetly sticky stuff slows down trailing opponents.



Fizzy Bloater

Double your size, and become immune to attacks, such as Fiesta Missile and the Pollenator.



Smoke Bomb

Use this on other racers to leave them spinning!



The Race

You will travel on and above (and for some of the less fortunate among you, perhaps off) racetracks filled with various hazards, as well as speed-increasing boost pads. Placing well in the race earns you bonuses that are applied to your scores in the Challenge Events. (Note: If you want to keep your game more competitive and allow other players to catch up to the leader, you can select **Keep the Game Close** from the Options menu.)

Beached!

The race has four major stages.

The sands of Piñata Island's beaches are kissed by the sun and the surf. They're also kissed by the feet, claws, and hooves of our competitors. From there, we head inland through a lush jungle, the floor of which is not really kissed by the sun and surf, except in extreme weather. It does see its share of feet, though!

Civilized

This cozy town is home to world-class restaurants, boutiques, and museums, plus a charming souvenir shop and a top-notch piano tuner. We recommend that you visit absolutely none of these, since this would likely put you in last place.

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Frosty!

If you enjoy huge glaciers, sheer ice cliffs, and breathtaking views, you'll love the Frosty! region. If you enjoy running really fast past these kinds of things, that will help too. This kind of terrain generally requires subzero clothing, ice screws, rope, and a climbing axe. Since you will have none of that—good luck!

Factory

This industrial zone is where all the goodies that end up in Piñatas are made. There is no other environment on Piñata Island that is so hazardous and at the same time so delicious. Go ahead and drool—the Piñatas behind you might slip in it!

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Game Types

Move & Collect



Run around as fast as possible, and collect all the goodies you can! Remember, sportsmanship is important, so be gracious if you win. And to win faster, you can usually shove your opponents out of the way and snag the goodies they were going to grab!



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Aim & Fire



These games require precision and accuracy, whether you're firing canoñatas, bowling, or pinning the tail on the Zumbo. Speed and brute strength are all well and good, but what about skill? What about hand-eye coordination? (And what about raspberries — are they delicious, or what?)



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Game Types

Smashing



Smashing things is always fun. In these games, you'll really lay into some barrels and several star Piñatas. It'll score you points — plus it's therapeutic!



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Smash & Collect



What's more fun than running around and collecting goodies? Smashing stuff and collecting goodies, of course! So squash those bugs, knock down those Ruffians, and smash those pumpkins! Collect as much as you can to win.

In some games, you play as a Ruffian. These crazy little troublemakers control a little differently than Piñatas: Tap **A** repeatedly to accelerate, and steer with the left stick **△**.



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Game Types

Rhythm



Do you like to shake and dance? Yes? Then you'll love the Rhythm games. Are you pretty graceful? You are? Great—that will be a big help. Hey, you look a little pale—is your stomach upset? Believe it or not, that will come in handy here as well.

Reflexes



What do digging for buried treasure, eating caramel apples, jumping revolving bats, and throwing explosive Loathers at your competitors have in common? They're all about timing. These games will test your reflexes, and trust me, they're more fun than having a doctor bop you in the knee with a rubber mallet. But then, most things are.

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Child Safety

We know that as a concerned parent/guardian, you want your child to be as safe as possible, whether that's in the everyday world or the world of online gaming. The Xbox 360 console offers a variety of **Family Settings**, so your kids can enjoy Xbox LIVE while you rest easy knowing that they will encounter only the players and activities that you deem appropriate.

Six Steps for Online Safety

Before your child joins the Xbox LIVE community, make sure that you have discussed the following six points:

- 1 Don't give out your age, name, or location or any other personal information, even things that might seem innocent, such as your school's name or your favorite sports teams.
- 2 Don't agree to meet someone offline (in person or on the phone) that you have met online.
- 3 Think of gamers that you have not met in person as strangers.
- 4 Don't have private chats with people that you have met online.
- 5 Don't accept images from anyone online that you do not know.
- 6 Involve your parents/guardians in your online gameplay.

Join Xbox LIVE: Child Membership

Your first step to allow your child to play *Viva Piñata: Party Animals* online is to create an Xbox LIVE membership. You can create an Xbox LIVE account on your Xbox 360 console or online at www.xbox.com (see page 24 for more information).

To create an Xbox LIVE membership for your child on the Xbox 360 console

- 1 Make sure your Xbox 360 console is connected to Xbox LIVE.
- 2 You'll need two Windows Live™ ID accounts—an adult's Windows Live ID and a Windows Live ID for your child. Note: If you do not have Windows Live ID accounts, you can create them using Xbox LIVE during the sign-up process for your child. You may already have a Windows Live ID account if you have any of the following: a Hotmail account, an MSN account, or an Xbox.com account.
- 3 Turn on your Xbox 360 console with no game disc in the tray.
- 4 From the **Xbox LIVE** area of the **Xbox Dashboard**, select **Join Xbox LIVE**, and follow the on-screen instructions. Here you will create your child's gamertag (or choose a new one if that name is unavailable). Note: When prompted for the e-mail address and password associated with a Windows Live ID account, create (or supply details for) your child's account first.
- 5 As the parent or guardian of the Xbox LIVE account holder, you'll be asked permission for your child to join. Accept the permission request.
- 6 When prompted, create (or provide) your own Windows Live ID account.
- 7 Select the membership type for your child from the list of options. Note: A Gold Membership is required to play online over Xbox LIVE.
- 8 Follow the remaining steps: Enter a contact address, choose your child's **Xbox LIVE Gamer Zone**, set communication preferences for Xbox 360 promotions, and select a time zone and daylight-savings option.
- 9 You and your child are now ready to utilize all of the great features of Xbox LIVE!



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To create an Xbox LIVE membership for your child online at www.xbox.com

- 1 Go to www.xbox.com, select **Sign In**, and then select **Register Now**.
- 2 Follow the instructions, and create your child's account as you would in the steps above. After you have created the account, you can give the gamertag and Windows Live ID to your child, so the account can be moved to an Xbox 360 console.
- 3 You and your child are now ready to utilize all of the great features of Xbox LIVE!

Family Settings

Family Settings are customizable tools that help you to create a safer, more family-friendly gaming experience for your children. There are two components to **Family Settings**: console controls and Xbox LIVE controls. These controls come into play whenever the Xbox 360 console is turned on and help you keep an eye not only on Xbox LIVE access, but games and movies as well.

Family Settings are turned on by default, although if you ever need to edit the settings, you can access them via the console and Xbox LIVE controls. To access the console and Xbox LIVE controls, go to the **Xbox Dashboard**, select **System** area, and then select **Family Settings**.

Here is a brief overview of the Xbox LIVE controls and settings

- **Online Gameplay:** Determine whether your child can play Xbox 360 games with other players on Xbox LIVE.
- **Member Content:** Decide whether your child can access content created by other people on Xbox LIVE. Member content includes images and text in games and gamer profiles.
- **Downloadable Content (DLC):** Choose whether your child can download premium content from **Xbox LIVE Marketplace**. Premium content includes extra features for your existing games, as well as Xbox LIVE Arcade games. If you choose to block premium content, your child will still be able to obtain free downloadable content.
- **New Online Friends:** Manage approval of your child's online friends. Other people on Xbox LIVE might want to add your child to their personal **Friends** list. You can require these requests to be approved by you, or you can allow your child to approve them on his or her own.
- **Communications:** Manage who your child can communicate with on Xbox LIVE. Communication on Xbox LIVE includes chat, messages, and game invites using voice, video, or text.
- **Gamer Profile Sharing:** Decide who can see your child's gamer profile. Your child's gamer profile includes their motto and information about their online achievements and game history.



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- ▶ **Gamer Profile Viewing:** Decide whether your child can see other people's gamer profiles. A gamer profile includes information about a member's online achievements and game history. It can also contain a gamer's motto, which may be inappropriate for children.
- ▶ **Online Status:** Decide whether other people can see your child's online status. If you allow others to see your child's online status, they can see your child's current online activity, such as the game they are playing and whether they are available to play a game.

Online child safety is of the utmost importance, so please do familiarize yourself with the settings and controls, and make sure to review the Six Steps to Online Child Safety (see page 22) with your child.

Online Resources

If you need any additional information or would like step-by-step instructions for any of the previously mentioned settings and controls, please visit the Xbox LIVE website at www.xbox.com/familysettings.

With careful monitoring of your child's online gameplay and a working knowledge of the **Xbox LIVE Family Settings**, you can help to protect your child and allow them to have an enjoyable online experience with *Viva Piñata: Party Animals...* or any other family-friendly game!



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Xbox Customer Support

Technical support is available seven days a week including holidays.

- In the U.S. or Canada, call 1-800-4MY-XBOX.
TTY users: 1-866-740-XBOX.
- In Mexico, call 001-866-745-83-12.
TTY users: 001-866-251-26-21.
- In Brazil, call 0800 891 9835.
- In Chile, call 1230-020-6001.
- In Colombia, call 01-800-912-1830.

For more information, visit us on the Web at www.xbox.com.

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